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The proceedings herein are for a patent Application. The provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

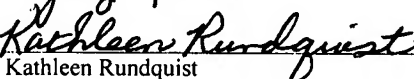
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2803. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed for that purpose.

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- Copy of the International Application filed on 02/13/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 02/13/2006
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 02/13/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 02/13/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 02/13/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 02/13/2006

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

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